GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF DHARAVI SLUM
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January 2004, the Prime Minister had announced Rs.500 crore aid to Government of Maharashtra for development of Dharavi in Mumbai, the biggest slum in Asia;

(b) if so, whether any slum clearance and development project proposal has been submitted by the Government of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details and cost thereof and when the same was submitted;

(d) whether the matter is bogged down in some technical controversies;

(e) if so, the details in this regard along with the steps taken to resolve the same;

(f) whether the Rs.500 crore assistance announced by the Prime Minister or part thereof has since been released to the Government of Maharashtra;

(g) if so, the amount released so far for the purpose; and

(h) if not, the reasons for the delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(h): The Government of Maharashtra had forwarded project proposal in December 2003 for construction of approximately 71,000 houses, along with infrastructure, for rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Dharavi, at approximate cost of Rs.5,000 crore.

The same was examined i n consultation with the Planning Commission, and some clarifications were sought from the State Government. No funds were released to the State Government against the said project. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has undertaken an exercise for rationalization/review of the plan schemes, wherein, the scheme of `Resettlement of Slums in Dharavi`, has been discontinued and no provision for the scheme has been kept for the year 2005-06. However, the proposal of the State Government on `Resettlement of Slums in Dharavi` can be considered in the proposed National Urban Renewal Mission.